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JURY CONVICTS SAN ANTONIO DOCTOR OF BRIBING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that a jury in San Antonio convicted Samuel M. Theagene, M.D., this morning of bribery of a public official.

The jury found that between October 3, 2006, and February 21, 2007, Theagene, president of the Pain and Neuromuscular Clinic of Texas, P.A., paid a Revenue Officer of the Internal Revenue Service \$16,500 in United States currency to absolve his tax liabilities. The investigation began in October of 2006, when the Defendant sent \$500 cash to the Internal Revenue Officer working on the collections case. Attached to the five one hundred dollar bills was a note which read "A Token." Thereafter, the Defendant offered to pay the Revenue Officer 10% of the approximate \$160,000 business tax liability to eliminate the debt. Between October of 2006 and February 2007, the Defendant paid the Revenue Officer cash installments of \$1500, \$5000, \$5000 and \$4500. At one of the meetings, the Defendant also asked for forgiveness of his personal tax liability as well. All of the payments were made by the Defendant to the Revenue Officer in area restaurants.

Theagene, who remains in federal custody since his arrest in July of this year, faces up to 15 years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine. Sentencing is scheduled for 10:30am on January 4, 2008, before United States District Judge Xavier Rodriguez.

This case was investigated by the Department of Treasury's Inspector General for Tax Administration and is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorneys Judith A. Patton and Jim Blankinship.

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